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MEMORANDUM FOR: RECORD

FROM : Assistant General Counsel

**OGC HAS REVIEWED.**

SUBJECT : Report of conversation with [REDACTED]

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1. At the request of [REDACTED] Security Office, the undersigned interviewed [REDACTED] in connection with a possible patentable invention. Basically, the [REDACTED] theory is to utilize three electronic units in combination, performing the functions of scanning, correlating and reporting in the area of fingerprinting analysis. According to [REDACTED] it involves a foolproof positive identification technique.

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2. The above information has been related to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had suggested that [REDACTED] initiate action on the proposed item by submitting it to the Incentive Awards Committee under CIA Regulation [REDACTED]. Presumably, the matter would then be forwarded to the Director of Security and [REDACTED] for evaluation and appropriate action. [REDACTED] is somewhat concerned with the legal consequence of such submission, particularly with respect to his right, title, and interest in any patentable invention. I advised [REDACTED] that the controlling standard on such matters was Executive Order 10096, Agency regulations [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was most specific in stating that the invention, if any, was not made within the specifically designated duties assigned to him by OCD and that it was made on his own time, without the use of Agency facilities, and in a field unrelated to his employment.

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3. I advised [REDACTED] that he was free to follow the instructions of [REDACTED] and submit the matter concerned under Regulation [REDACTED] and to include a statement with respect to the criteria established under Executive Order 10096, a consequence of which would be a reservation of the commercial residuum to [REDACTED]

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